

Regular Meeting
Monday, May 12, 2025 7:00 PM

Vicksburg High School Library
301 S Kalamazoo St
Vicksburg, Michigan 49097

Minutes

Board Members Present: Rick Burmeister, Tina Forsyth, Lisa Hostetler, Dave Schriemer, Ron Centofanti, Dan Grabowski, Stephanie Willoughby

Board Members Absent: none

Board Secretary: Tamara Young

Administrators Present: Keevin O'Neill, Steve Goss, Gail Vandaff, Dewey Waterman, Adam Brush, Katie Webster, Karen McKinstry, Allison Dygert, Matt Hawkins, Sarah Bacalia, Amie McCaw, Alyssa Thompson, Jessica Wheeler, Joe Werkema, Kelli Luke

Guests Present: See attached sign in sheet

President Schriemer called to order at 7:00 pm.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I.A. Recognitions- President Schriemer turned the meeting over to Superintendent O'Neill. O'Neill wished everyone a belated Happy Mother's Day and welcomed everyone.

I.A.1. Cindy Kessler - Excellence in Special Education Award - Katie Webster and Amie McCaw. They introduced Cindy Kessler in honor of this award. Cindy was one of 46 nominees. Cindy was presented the award.

I.A.2. 24-25 Outstanding Senior Awards - Adam Brush introduced the seniors.

I.B. Legislative Update - 25-26 budget discussions are underway but not much progress has been made. Cell phone committee has been formed at a district level. O'Neill read the new bill passed through the senate. O'Neill also expressed his concern over medicaid budget proposals. This would be devastating to schools.

I.C. Staffing Updates

I.C.1. Holladay Retirement

I.C.2. Extension of administration team member Kelli Luke - Pathways Principal for the 25-26 school year.

I.C.3. Bill Dygert - new Tobey Principal. Interview team of 11 was assembled and interviews were held. The majority of votes lead us to hire Bill Dygert. His experience and passion are amazing. Willoughby added her congrats.

I.D. Important Dates - O'Neill reminded everyone, especially the seniors of the upcoming dates. He also pointed out the retirement reception, lots of concerts, film festivals, Pathways graduation, etc.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

II.A. Proposal for Costa Rica Trip - Adam Brush.

II.B. Approval for Student Senate Field Trip to Cedar Point - Adam Brush

II.C. Curriculum Proposals - Gail Vandaff began by explaining the process we use for new potential curriculum.

II.C.1. TeachTown - Leslie Buscher and Kristina Spanding. They gave an overview of the new resource for potential special education programs.

II.C.2. RefReps - Adam Brush. Gave an overview of the expansion of the program we piloted this year

II.C.3. i-Ready Proposal - Angie Spanhak and Laura Chang. They gave an overview of a potential new benchmark assessment and curriculum.

II.D. Budget and Finance Report - Steve Goss. He gave a brief overview of our current budget status. Shortfall is starting to reverse itself due to the time of the school year.

II.D.1. Accounts Payable Reports. Reports included, if board members have questions, they are encouraged to contact Steve.

II.E. Investment Holdings Update - Steve Goss. Gave an update on our balances.

II.F. Kalamazoo RESA 2025-26 General Education Fund Budget Resolution - Steve Goss explained that due to law, we must review the ISD budget. His recommendation is to pass the resolution to support their budget.

II.G. Request for Approval to set June 9, 2025 for the Annual Public Hearing to Consider the District's Proposed 2025-26 Budget - Steve Goss. This will include amendments to the 24-25 budget and the proposed 25-26 budget. The future budget will have multiple assumptions but will be estimated as close as possible. Burmeister asked if KRESA could possibly present to our board in the future for better understanding.

II.H. Transportation Annual Report - Karen McKinstry. She gave a report about various aspects of the transportation department; bus rodeo, mileage, miles, bus safety, etc. Forsyth asked about the angled parking for the buses at the schools. Schriemer asked about the implications of the new CTE center.

III. Audience. Various members of the audience spoke to the board.

IV. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

IV.A. Approval of the following Board Meeting Minutes. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Willoughby. Motion carried unanimously.

IV.A.1. 4-14-25

IV.A.2. 4-22-25

IV.B. Approval to set June 9, 2025 for the Annual Public Hearing to consider the District's Proposed 2025-26 Budget. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Burmeister. Motion carried unanimously.

IV.C. Approval of Resolution for Local District Vote on KRESA General Fund Budget for the 2-25-26 School Year - ROLL CALL VOTE. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Willoughby. Motion carried with a ROLL CALL vote. Burmeister voted “nay”, Grabowski, Willoughby, Hostetler, Schriemer, Forsyth, Centofanti voted “yay”.

IV.D. Approval of Resolution Designating District's Electoral representative and First Ballot Candidate Choice. ROLL CALL VOTE. A motion for approval was made by Burmeister and supported by Hostetler to nominate Forsyth as our representative and Willoughby as our alternate. Motion carried unanimously with a ROLL CALL vote.

IV.E. Approval for Costa Rica Trip A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Hostetler. Motion carried unanimously.

IV.F. Approval of Student Senate Field Trip to Cedar Point. A motion for approval was made by Centofanti and supported by Forsyth. Motion carried unanimously.

IV.G. Approval of Curriculum Proposals. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Hostetler. Motion carried unanimously.

IV.G.1. TeachTown

IV.G.2. RefReps

IV.G.3. i-Ready

IV.H. Approval of Bill Dygert - Tobey Elementary Principal. A motion for approval was made by Willoughby and supported by Forsyth. Motion carried unanimously.

IV.I. 1st Reading Approval of the Following Policies - ROLL CALL VOTE. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Burmeister. Motion carried unanimously with a ROLL CALL vote.

IV.I.1. PO 5350

IV.I.2. PO 4430

IV.I.3. PO 5460

IV.I.4. PO 8320

IV.I.5. PO 8500

IV.I.6. PO 8510

IV.J. 2nd Reading Approval of the Following Policies - ROLL CALL VOTE. A motion for approval was made by Hostetler and supported by Grabowski. Motion carried unanimously with a ROLL CALL vote.

IV.J.1. PO 131.1

IV.J.2. PO 2340

IV.J.3. PO 5320

IV.J.4. PO 5330

IV.J.5. PO 5330.01

IV.J.6. PO 8640

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Schriemer adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.

President Dave Schriemer
June 9, 2025

Secretary Tamara Young